Price Put Up From \$2.88 to \$6.81 -Crude Asphalt, Sold Abroad for \$10 a Ton, Brings 835 Here-Millions Thrown Away Through Faulty Specifications.

New York city wants asphalt pavements, and all that it can have of them: therefore it wants them laid at a fair price. under free competition, by any or every concern which is able to give to the city a superior pavement under responsible sufficient guarantee. Because the city wants much of this pavement, the citizens have a vital interest in ascertaining whether money which they pay for asphalt is stolen, or is abstracted from its proper channels and disposed of wrongfully through exorbitant prices obtained by contracts illegally awarded, as it is charged in the taxpayer's suit brought by James Matthews in Brooklyn is the

Petitions are constantly in circulation that more and more streets be paved with asphalt. Not alone is this so in the business quarters, where the facilitation of commerce is promoted by it. Nor alone among persons interested in the cleanliness and health of the city, who ask that asphalt pavements be laid in the crowded quarters because streets so paved are so much more easily flushed and cleaned than when other pavements are used. But in the quieter, residential districts of the town the same demand comes continuously that the stone pavements be replaced with asphalt. Real estate men say of two residential streets equally desirable otherwise, that a man will pay \$1,000 more for a house of the same dimensions on an asphalted street than for one on a street which still has a stone pave-

Uptown the people want asphalt for its greater quiet. Downtown it is wanted because it facilitates traffic. John D. Crimmins said yesterday that the gain to traffic in Broadway since the asphalt pavement had been down was very great. Mr. Crimmins has for years made it his habit to drive to and from his business, notwithstanding his long-time interest in street railways. Since the laying of the asphalt pavement in Broadway he has made careful observations on the traffic there, comparing his own progress in his carriage with what it used to be, as well as the experiences of his friends and what he has been able to see of the general traffic of the thoroughfare. His computations, which he says have been borne out by the experiences of friends with whom he has talked, make it that there is a gain of 20 per cent. in the rate of progress of vehicles up or down Broadway on the asphalted portion of the roadway above Canal street over the rate on the stone blocks below Canal street and over the rate formerly attained all along the busy downtown portion of Broadway. On a trip of three or four miles this is a considerable gain for a single person, and the aggregate gain is vast.

for the gain. He pointed out that formerly the trucks followed the ruts they made for the trucks followed the ruts they made for themselves, and the drivers wouldn't pull out of a rut to let a lighter vehicle go ahead, largely out of regard for their horses. Now, on the other hand, there being no ruts, Mr. Crimmins said that he had remarked that neither heavy nor light teams hesitated to pull aside at any time, crossing and recrossing the car tracks many times where heretofore they hated to cross the tracks owing to the rough stone payement. where heretofore they hated to cross the tracks owing to the rough stone pavement. So everybody was the gainer, even the tramcars, because the drivers did not so persistently now occupy the car tracks. This is one of the reasons why President-elect Jacob A. Cantor of Manhattan is receiving letters of felicitation upon the stand he has taken regarding the letting of contracts for asphalt pavements and the prosecution of the persons, if their guilt can be shown, who have been concerned in robbing the city under the forms of law.
The present Commissioners of Accounts,
who investigated the whole question of
asphalt contracts made by the city between 1886 and 1898, and did the work so thoroughly that the Mayor himself said that they had examined more than 10,000 war-

Mr. Crimmins explained some reasons

rants, said that from 1890 to 1898 the city had "thrown away through faulty specifi-cations the sum of \$1,818,952.35." cations the sum of \$1,318,052.35."

For three years "the loss to the city, due to the extortions of the monopoly alone," the Commissioners found by their examinations of the city's accounts, was \$1,832,237. The Commissioners found that the extortion had been practised by the monopolists "solely against their fellow citizens," as they sold crude asphalt in European cities for about \$10 a ton, while here they put the price up to something like \$35 a ton, alprice up to something like \$35 a ton, al-though it could be landed here at less than

There are about 2,600 miles of asphalted streets in the cities of this country, of which New York city has more than 200 which New Fork city has more than low miles. At the average rate paid by the city for this pavement between the years 1890 and 1898 the city could have had more than twenty-five miles additional for the sum which the Commissioners of Accounts say was thrown away during those years through "faulty specifications" What through "faulty specifications" What they mean by faulty specifications is made clear in another paragraph of their report, where they say: "Our findings show that New York has been in the grasp of an aschalt monopoly, which has conveyed vast and unreasonable profits into its treasury for many years, owing to specifications which contained clauses of such a character as would lead one to suspect that they had been inserted by the ringleader of

The figures showed a profit to the monopof about 60 per cent., which the Comgreater than the profit realized from any other class of public work carried on under competitive conditions. While other engi-neering methods have been revolutionized during those years, too, the Commissioners declare that the monopoly pavements

noved no appreciable improvement in The average price a square yard paid e city for asphalt pavement up to was \$3 is. The price varied from \$2.50 With the marvellous methods present administration, combined or of the Asphalt Trust, otherwise ational Asplant Company, the price on anne ther, to the ingle-water mark it had the most remarkable fact that this gigantic rise has taken sizes thereof far, Wyrk got his Company of Accounts to bell him the lateral the frast and its basisines with The ferminissioners said in one outside to the Mayor "We have truck belonde data on the sulattend to seep the scandal by changing production to period open realization to be the first the model for the product of the second state of the the model of the first the fraction of the product of applied paying and bit Marthaway a continuation of desire Marcan granted as injunctions Might are produced as injunctions Might are for a product of continuations of the first paying the specifications. As the first they were in the interface the friended promotery, otherwise minutes of the friended promotery, otherwise minutes of Mayor Lan Wyek a loudly attack again the true would there.

V. Greene; Secretary, Arthur W. Sewall. directors, Amzi L. Barber, John M. Mack, Avery D. Andrews, R. L. Wortendyke, and Gen. Greene and Mr. Sewall.

Mr. Cantor received a letter from the Inter-State Paving Company of Utica, N. Y., yesterday, informing him that that company had endeavored to get a chance to bid for asphalt paving contracts in this city during the present year, but had been unable to do so. The letter stated that the company had a full supply of superior asphalt in California, and adequate tools and men to do paving satisfactory to the city, and were anxious to bid if the contracts were thrown open to competition. re thrown open to competition.

ALMOST AT NOSE TWEAKING. Tale of a Feud Between the Gerry Agents

and a Hot-Tempered Court Clerk. Eben Demarest, chief clerk in Jefferson Market police court, doesn't get along well with the Children's society agents. He and Agent Diamond had a warm dispute in the presence of Magistrate Crane a few days ago, in the course of which, according to the policemen who heard it. Diamond complained to the Magistrate that whenever he was compelled to transact any business with Demarest, the latter addressed him as "one of the bum agents of a bum society." Then on Friday last the other court attachés say, Agent Barclay was ordered out of the private examination room by Demarest and the clerk either aimed a blow at him or attempted to tweak his nose. One of the court policemen asserts that Demarest has boasted he did

tweak Barclay's nose. Those who heard the dispute with Diamond say that it arose over an application of the agent for a certain record, in which he had to enter the names of the parents of a juvenile delinquent.

"Haven't you anything else to do but bother me?" they say Demarest snapped.

bother me?" they say Demarest snapped.
"Why don't you attend to your own business? Do I get paid for doing the work of a bum society?"
"Your Honor, "called out Agent Diamond to Magistrate Crame, who hadn't heard this, "I've asked the chief clerk for a paper I am compelled to make indorsements on and I have been insulted. It has been that way for the five years I've been in this court. This man gets \$2,500 a year and is never polite to the public he is supposed to serve. He browbeats and bulldozes everybody about this court room and every man or woman who asks him a question." Magistrate Crane soothed the irritated

Magistrate Crane soothed the irritated agent as well as possible.

The nose-tweaking episode occurred early last Friday morning, according to the court folks. Agent Barclay went into the examination room to look at a type-writer one of his acquaintances among the clerks had purchased, and Mr. Demarest put him out, saying: "I don't want any of you fellows in here."

"Demarest, eyery man in this court room thinks you the meanest man on earth, Barclay is reported to have replied. "You haven't got the beginnings of good breeding. You've been sucking public pap for thirty years and never were polite."

Then Demarest's handwhot over his desk toward Barclay's nose. This incident occurred before the Magistrate had taken his seat. Nothing has been done about it.

FATHER M'GINLEY INDIGNANT. Called to Saloon to Minister to Man Who Had Been Dead for Hours.

Edward J. Flynn, a foreman in the Peerless Rubber Works at New Durham, N. J., fell dead in front of O'Hare's saloon in that town on Sunday morning at 4 o'clock. He was carried into the saloon. Father McGinley of St. Brigid's Roman Catholic Church was sent for about 10 o'clock to administer the last rites of the Church to Flynn. In speaking of the incident to a SUN reporter

last night Father McGinley said:
"I was called to the saloon while I was about to go to church to celebrate mass. Flynn had been dead, I could see, for some hours. He was laid out in a room at the rear of the saloon. About three feet away, and separated only by a curtain, was a crowd of men around a table playing poker. I was too indignant to talk to them and

"Flynn's body had been in the saloon for hours. It had marks on it as if the man had met with rough treatment. I think the police would do well to inquire as to the circumstances under which he-

FOR A PORT CHESTER RAILROAD Bronx and Westchester County Residents

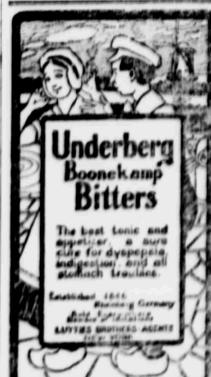
Make an Appeal. Several residents of The Bronx and of Westchester county appeared before the State Railroad Commission yesterday to urge the granting of the application of the New York and Port Chester Railroad Company for the right to build a four-track electric railroad between the Harlem River and

Port Chester.
William Peters, Treasurer of the Tax Payers' Alliance of The Bronx, presented to the board a set of resolutions adopted last week by the alliance, wherein it was declared that the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company had obstructed the development of the territory through which it passed.

through which it passed
William B. Potter, an electrical engineer,
stated that the proposed road would have
a carrying capacity of 3,600 passengers

Farmer's Daughter Appointed Tax Col-

lector. SYRACUSE, Dec. 9. - The Town Board of Scipio, Cayuga county, has appointed Miss Lizzie Peckham Tax Collector. She is a pretty farmer's daughter, who can milk a cow or harness a horse. She can also in-terpret Chopin, Beethoven, Liszt and Wagner on the piano like an expert. She is considered the most all-around girl in the



STATIONERY BIDS HELD UP

PRINTING BIDS, TOO-END OF TAMMANY'S GRAFT HERE.

Finance Department Experts Looking for the Nigger in the Fence in the Contracts Made by the Board of City Record-Free Competition Hereafter.

The Board of City Record, whose mysterious specifications have led Comptroller Coler to announce that he will hold up all of the contracts for stationery and printing for which bids have been adverised this fall, sat yesterday and opened oids for supplying stationery and other supplies to the city departments. There were only four bids, and all of them will be sent to the Department of Finance for tabulation and examination. The experts from the Department of Finance who have been looking into the methods of doing business that have been followed in the Board of City Record have been unable to understand a great many things that they have discovered and they are going to make such an examination of all of the books and records of the bureau that it is not likely that any contracts will be given out by the present administration. The contracts for printing, bids for

which were opened last week, have not been let yet and no one could say yesterday when they were likely to come up for consideration. They are to be held up until all of the mystery that surrounds them is cleared away, and it is more than likely that in the end the city will exercise the right that it has in every contract and reject the bids, advertising for new ones on specifications that will permit open and free competition among all the printers in the city who are capable of doing the

The bids that were opened yesterday were for quantities of articles in various amounts, and the number of the items was considerably in excess of 1,000. The American News Company bid for some of the items \$7,916.10. The L. W. Ahrens Stationery and Printing Company, one of those that have been said to have the inside track on all of the city contracts, bid for all of the supplies that were advertised for and offered to supply them for \$41,209.67. The only other concern that bid for all of the contract was the United States Trading Company, whose offer was \$49,238.56. A new bidder appeared in the person of J. N. Early, who bid for everything but two items, and the total of whose bid was \$37,000. It was declared that the prices at which Mr. Early effected the support the uniterial that the

offered to supply the material that the city wants were considerably lower than those the other concerns offered.

As soon as the bids were opened they were referred to the Comptroller for tabulation and examination, and the work of putting them in shape for comparation was begun them in shape for comparison was begun at once in the Department of Finance. It is within the power of the Comptroller to hold up all of the contracts that he thinks are not for the benefit of the city. Comp-troller Coler said yesterday that he would have no statement to make in regard to the affairs in the City Record office until he had received the reports of the he had received the reports of the men from his department who are looking over all of the records of the last six months. He refused to discuss the report that his men had found such a condition of affairs that it was likely that the whole matter would be laid before the Grand Jury, and all that could be got from him was the statement that "there is an investigation going on."

As a matter of fact, it is known that the Comptroller's men have found beyond doubt that the specifications have been so drawn that there was practically no competition for the work that the city wanted

done.

The Board of City Record supplies all the city departments with all of the stationery that they use and all of the printed matter. When the head of a department wants anything he sends over the requisition for it and it is supposed to be filled by the bureau at once from stock that it has on hand or from material that it rurchases. The bureau was organized it purchases. The bureau was organized for the purpose of concentrating the city's purchases of all sorts of things, in order that the lowest prices might be obtained from the men who supply them. It was found that while the departments were buying as they needed and in quantities to suit, they were paying high prices, and that they might save a great deal of money by concentrating the purchases. The method of beating the law that has been pursued of late has been to advertise for bids on the exact quantity of goods that the head of a department ordered, without any regard to the future, and thus to make the supply so small that at any time afterward when more of the same article was needed it was necessary to send in an needed it was necessary to send in an emergency order that would be paid for at the same price as the original contract. The original price would be high, of course, on account of the small quantity of the goods ordered and the emergency order ofits would be great

SUPERFLUOUS INSPECTORS Reating Stuck Them Up Along the Tunnel

Their Heads in Danger. Since the work on the Rapid Transit tunnel began, Commissioner Keating of the Department of Highways has appointed an unknown number of "inspectors" whose duty was alleged to be to watch the progress of the work on the tunnel in protect the city's interests. The Bapid ansit Commission's inspectors are es-cially appearated for this purpose of Mr Keating had no difficulty in seeing a necessity for a duplicate inspector, is expected that all bis inspectors will be their loss as soon as the new adminione their jobs as soon as the new addistration comes into power, for Majelect Low has been advised that they

REV. DR. INGERSOLL RESIGNS.

Leaves Brooklyn Pastorate to Become Secretary of American Hibir Society The Rev. Dr. Edward P. Ingersell has resigned the postorate of the Immanuel Congregational Church in Brooklyn to scoone Corresponding Borretary of the regions Bible Prociety to which place a war choiced has week. The resignation takes offers at the chose of the Year in Ingerted moved as pasted of the Paritim angregational Charles and in Benekiya for historical and respectively. He can would also be Paritim to Breakiya for historical and river years respectively. He can would be Paritim to Parit. Main, as pasted to be Paritimeted and the Paritimeter of the P there for our yours returned to Brooklyn

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partment inches granted permission to the throaduge Chapter of the D. A. B. to place in modula thapter of the P. A. B. to place a bronze tables in the Covernment Building in mercury of the soldiers of the Revolution who lived in Crombings resultly. The tablet will cost finese and will be made by Isadore Konth, a Hungarian artist. It will be unveiled June 11, 1802, the 127th anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Mill. PICKED UP CAPT. CHURCHILL. Street Woman's Mistake Will Cost Her a Long Term in a Reformatory.

Sadie Weinstein, who afterward forgot her address, saw a well-spruced man standing on the corner of the Bowery and Third street yesterday and accosted him, not knowing that she was talking to acting Captain Churchill who has been cleaning use in Capt. Diamond's old precinct for the last few weeks.

"Isn't it rather dangerous for you women to talk to men on the streets around here? Ain't you afraid of the police?" the acting "Let's go in and have something to drink."

replied the woman. "I'm just as smart replied the woman. "I'm just as smart as the cops. They pinch me once in a while but I get off with a 55 fine in court."

Churchill told her who he was and took her to the Yorkville police court where he charged her with being one of the most persistent street walkers in his precinct. Fines, he said, would not reform her. Magistrate Hogan announced that he would try another plan. He committed her to the Woman's State Reformatory at Bedford. The sentence is indeterminate and may be from one year to three years. She may be from one year to three years. She cannot be released on bail. The woman began to cry when she heard her sentence.

FEW PRESBYTERIAN THEOLOGS.

Attendance at Seminaries Less Each Year -Chances in Other Fields the Cause? PRINCETON, N. J., Dec. 9 .- The annual

catalogue of the Princeton Theological Seminary was issued to-day and shows a total enrolment of only 133 students, which is twenty-three less than last year. Statistics show that there has been a decline in attendance at all Presbyterian seminaries since 1895. In 1896 there were about 250 men at the seminary here. In the same year there were about 1,500 Presbyterian theological institutions in this country. There are now abou 900. Five years ago the graduating class at Princeton University sent more than twenty men to the seminary, while from the class of 1901 only one man

The authorities here do not believe that The authorities here do not believe that there has been any decrease of interest in the Presbyterian faith. They attribute the falling off in the seminaries to the influence which the opening up of our new possessions has had on young men by putting before them a more extended field for employment in other professions.

YALE GRADUATE A TRAMP. sent to the Erie County Penitentiary for Thirty Days.

BUFFALO, Dec. 9 .- "I'm a failure and I suppose the classification of vagrant is appropriate. The only thing I ask is that I be left alone."

So spoke James Morgan, a graduate of Yale University, when he was sent to the penitentiary for thirty days on the charge of being a tramp. Morgan's conduct aroused the curiosity of the police, who made inquiries regarding him and learned that he is a son of a former prominent merchant of Richmond, Va. Morgan is now 47 years old. He prepared for Yale at Andover, Mass., and is an Exptologist of considerable ability. When he was still wealthy he sent many Egyptian relics from that country to the Metropolitan Museum in New York city. He succeeded to his father's business, but failed, and since then has drifted around the world. He worked at the Pan-American as a laborer, but was at the Pan-American as a laborer, but was discharged for negligence and that dis-couraged him in doing even manual labor.

TOMBS SCHOOL FIVE YEARS OLD. Flowers Brighten Its Anniversary Session -24 Pupils at Present.

Schoolmaster David Willard of the little schoolroom in the Tombs Prison, held anniversary exercises there yesterday That unique institution is just beginning its sixth year. Some of its friends sent flowers which made the dingy little place

nowers which made the dingy little place unusually attractive.

Schoolmaster Willard's pupils are twenty-four in number at present. They range in age from 16 to 21 years. The school is in session daily, except on Sundays and holidays, from 9 to 10:30 o'clock in the morning. Some other things begines the three ing. Some oth R's are taught. Some other things besides the three

Attempt to Kill and Rob in a Saratoga Park. SARATOGA, Dec. 9 .- An attempt was made this afternoon to kill and rob James S. Rhodes, a liveryman, in the Eureka White Sulphur Park woods. The unknown assailant had probably learned that Rhodes had on his person a large sum of money, which he received to-day from the Saratoga Racing Association, and he lay in wait for hours with a club. Rhodes's cries for help undoubtedly frightened the assailant, who disappeared in the woods. Fones Crandall, 22 years of age, has been arrested on suspicion. Rhodes is in a critical con-

Bullet Flattened Against His Skull.

The physicians at the City Hospital, Jersey City, who extracted a bullet from Philip Hetzel's head last Friday night after, he had been shot while asleep by Nicholas Bauer, his landlord, said yesterday that the extraordinary thickness of Hetzel's skuli saved him from death. They found the 38-calibre bullet flattened against the skull Bauer stood only a few feet away from the boarder when he fired the

Mr. Brown's Diamond Pin Turns Up. James Brown's fifty-dollar diamond stick pin, which was used as evidence in a com-

pin, which was used as evidence in a com-plaint of larceny against two women in the Yorkville police court on Sunday and dis-appeared then, was recovered by accident yesterday. It was in the possession of a negro prisoner. The finding of it will save Policeman. Pat Johnson from paying its value to the owner to avoid trial for care-Dismond Waits Trial Till To-day

The trial of Capt Diamond, which Police commissioner Murphy intended to bugin yesterday morning at Police Headquarters, was postponed until this morning. Chief Cieris Kipp discovered that a policeman has forty-eight linux grace before replying to charges, he, as the papers were served on Capt Diameted on Saturday and Sunday was a holiday the tearing had to be set over.

Dog and I at Show in Syracuse. BERACUNE, Dec. 9 Syracuse society folk will hold a shor and out show at the forecase that beginning on Thursday and lasting three days. Over one hundred

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many years and was subject to depathul bradaches, scincit continual mic ter my heal more a work expelledly and comprising twice & friend recommended Espans Lebules. I see not been much faith, but he persuaded not to try those, and morae of these works I was a cured woman. The account of my age I hardly thought it possible to effect a cure, as I had free! subject to floor awful headaches since I was a little girl.

At druggists.

The Five-Cent packet is enough for an ordinary occasion. The family bottle, 60 cents, contains a supply for a year.

SEEMS TO EXONERATE HAGAN.

"FOOL ROW" IN THE TOMBS, SAYS COMMISSIONER LANTRY

Deputy Fanning Thinks It Is Serious -Consults Whalen About Hagan's Cigar-Lighting Act, and Will Go to the Prison Commission About Bissert's / Case

Commissioner Lantry of the Department of Correction investigated yesterday the charges made by Chaplain John J. Munro of the Tombs against Warden Hagan, in which the latter was accused of undue friendliness toward Bissert, the convict wardman.

After the investigation the Commissioner said that he couldn't announce his decision yet awhile. He hinted mildly at what the lecision would be, however, in the following comment on the case.

"It's a tempest in a teapot. Hagan's all right. He won't lose his job. I don't find that he's done anything out of the

Deputy Commissioner Fanning says that thorough inquiry into the condition of things in the Tombs is due to him to the Warden and to Commissioner Lantry He said yesterday:

Warden Hagan is reported to have lighted his cigar with the order of suspension and has publicly denied my authority, not only in this matter, but in all matters relating to the Tombs. I affirm that my action was strictly within the law, and that Warden Hagan is guilty of insubordination. I am sorry to say that in these respects Com-missioner Lantry has sustained him. Since missioner Lantry has sustained him. Since these questions are hopelessly at issue between Commissioner Lantry and myself. I shall to-morrow transmit a copy of the charges to John Whalen. Corporation Counsel, with a letter asking his opinion as the legal adviser of the city, concerning my legal right to suspend the Warden.

After Commissioner Lantry had examined Warden Hagan in his office this morning, he announced that the Warden had admitted entertaining the convict Bissert several times at dinner in the Tombs, and had given Bissert the use of his (the Warden's) private room on other occasions for conferences with other persons. I intend to transmit the record of this confession, with other data concerning Bissert's privileges, to the State Commissioners of Prisons of New York, in order to secure, not their judgment as to Warden Hagan's case, which is in the hands of Commissioner Lantry, but their opinions as to whether such conduct is in accord with their rules of prison discipline.

The investigation made at the Tombs

their rules of prison discipline.

The investigation made at the Tombs yesterday afternoon consisted of asking all the deputies and employees about the place a lot of questions about the warden. The warden's reputation as a prison keeper didn't suffer any from the replies. Hagan was on duty all the morning in spite of the order suspending him, which Deputy Commissioner Fanning had signed and which Hagan had used to light his eigar with.

When Commissioner Lantry got there at noon and began to probe, the warden asked him if he could not have an after-

asked him if he could not have an afternoon off.

"I let him go," said the Commissioner,
"but that doesn't mean that he's suspended
or laid off. I let him go as a favor. He
didn't want to be around while this fool
row was being straightened out and you
can't blame him. He'll be at work again
to-morrow and that will be the end of it.
That suspension ordered by Deputy Fanning of course doesn't count. There isn't
even anything in it worth investigating.
Fanning is a real good fellow with fine
motives. But he's a Deputy Commissioner, you know. He isn't the Commissioner."

Commissioner Lantry was asked what he thought of Hagan's using Fanning's notice of suspension to light his cigar with, and he replied:

"Why, it isn't against the rules for the warden to smoke."

The Rev. Mr. Munro wasn't around the Tombs after the investigation got under

the Tombs after the investigation got under headway.

"When I called for him," said the Commissioner, "they told me he had gone. I guess he couldn't make good."

Rabbi Radian who has visited the Jewish prisoners in the Tombs for the last eleven years told Commissioner Lantry that he could not understand how any minister could get into a quarrel with Warden Hagan.

"There you are," said Lantry. "The rabbi is a Jew, a Republican and a reformer. I am a Catholic, a Democrat and a—a—Well, you know. And so's Hagan. Now the rabbi wouldn't stand up for Hagan if he wasn't all right."

REDMOND APPEALS FOR AID. Address to "Friends in America." De-

seribing Present Irish Movement. John E. Redmond, P. A. McHugh and Thomas O'Donnell, who have been in this country for some time in the interest of the Irish cause, on the eye of their departure for home, have issued an address to "Friends in America," giving the reasons that prompted their mission and the objects they hoped to attain by it. They say: The prospects of Ireland to-day are brighter than they have ever been. The ultimate

The prospects of Ireland to-day are brighter than they have ever been. The ultimate policy of the Land League was "The Land for the People" and to-day there is all over Ireland a movement to compel Irish landlords to sell the land to the occupying farmers upon fair and reasonable terms. This movement has at its back not merely the Nationalist farmers of the centre, south and west of Ireland, but also all those Uster farmers who in the past have been bitterly opposed not only to Ireland's demand for national self-government, but also to a radical land reform. With proper support it is almost a certainty With proper support it is almost a certain that the immediate future will see a settl ment of the Irish land question upon the lines, while it combanght the breaking up the large tracts of rich grazing bride present in the hands of a less individual a certain of early accomplishment. The distribution of this land among the posotiers on the manufally and the logs. Commanght the chronic famine and distribution for the lands and distribution for the stayled and the those in that provides will be stayled and the those in that provides will be stayled and the those by thus making the pseude of Irichad secur presspectus and distributed in the content of the lands of the Nation and distributed from the training of the Nation causes.

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HAMMERSLOUGH BROS., 830 BROADWAY, 17th and 18th LARRY SUMMERFIELD IN AGAIN.

Wire Tapper Who Taps Only Pocketbooks Said to Have Got \$3,000 This Time. Larry Summerfield, the crook whose specialty is "conning" the gullible with stories about tapping poolroom wires and securing first news of winners at the track, was arrested again yesterday. Larry is called the King of Wire Tappers, although his superior conversational powers obviate the necessity for his really tapping wires, victims taking that on faith. By tapping the pocketbooks of those who believe he taps wires he makes money enough to live with his wife in a handsomely furnished flat. He is frequently arrested, but always "gets at" the complainant and never suffers

a conviction.

This time Larry gave his name as George Seymour of 102 East Twenty-sixth street. Detectives Foy, Clark and Peabody of Police Headquarters arrested him, after an all-night wait in ambush. The complainant is Frank Cunningham, retired, of 132 Nassau treet. The detectives said that Cunning. street. The detectives said that Cunning-ham had been fleeced out of \$3,900 alto-gether. Summerfield was charged specifi-cally with the larceny of \$500. Cunning-ham, who was not in Jefferson Market ham, who was not in Jefferson Market police court when Summerfield was arraigned yesterday morning, told the detectives that the crook took him into the telegraph office at the Hotel Manhattan and assured him that the stolen information was received there. Cunningham was persuaded that a clicking he heard was the report of a race coming over the wires. The clicking was interpreted for him and he gave his money to a man indicated by Summerfield, who was to run over to the poelroom and place it on the horse they

summerheid, who was to the vote to the poolroom and place it on the horse they knew to have already won.

In a little while Cunningham got a telephone message to stay right there. But the wire tappers never came back to assure him that there was a mistake, that the winner had been disqualified, and that the money was lost. He had heard that story before when he parted with installments of his \$3,900, and the tappers spared his of his \$3,500, and the tappers spared has feelings the last time.

Summerfield was held in \$1,000 bail for examination this morning. He was bailed by Mrs. Margaret Putnam of 234 West Forty-sixth street. Cunningham is not known to the hallman at 132 Nassau street.

MUST RETURN TO HER MOTHER Court Gives Mrs. Watson Custody of Her Eighteen-Year-Old Daughter.

Justice Marean in the Supreme Court in Brooklyn decided yesterday that Lillian Cordelia Bartholoniew, the eighteen-yearold daughter of Mrs. Helen Watson of 145 Ashland place, must remain with her

Counsel for Farmer Henry Buffet of Elmwood, L. I., with whom Lillian had fixed as a servant since she was 14 years old, and against whom Mrs Watson brought halous corpus proceedings for the custody of her child on the ground that her saughter was living in immoral relations with him, asked duetter Marran II the letters in the

billied by a Liquor Law Spotter WHITE RIVER JUNCTION, Vt., Doc. 9 D. Watte, attalleged "spotter," employed to get exidence of violations of the probibi or liquid law, fired three shots at citizens trum the steps of Ose Junction House last right. F. T. trumber was wounded in the abelianses and slied in a few bours. One near Waste was quietely disarrand, arrested and spirited away to Wassistack, where he is ladd for the Holiday Oriental

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840. Now He's Fined 850. Thomas H. Garner, an undertaker of 227 West Twenty-seventh street, had his choice in Special Sessions yesterday between paying a fine of \$50 or going to the Tombs for an alleged violation of the Santtary Code. Garner, who had pleaded guilty, paid his fine

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Henry A Steinert, who prosecuted for
the Health Department, said that George
Lacy of 223 West Sixty-third street died
on Nov 28 last. His widow engaged Garner
for \$40 to bury him, after the funeral services Mrs. Lacy could only find \$83 to give
to Garner. He insisted that she pay him
at least \$6\$ in addition. Failing to secure
this amount the undertaker refused to
hary the body. When the odor in the
tenement became offensive the neighbors
called in the Health Department.
Lacy was buried by the city on Dac. 4
and steps were then taken against Garner.

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